

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
**March 13, 2023**

**“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”**

**Meeting Held at:**

San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
179 Diza Road  
San Ysidro, CA 92173

**Mailing Address is:**

179 Diza Road  
San Ysidro, CA 92173

**Members Present:**

Martin Ortega  
Juan Lopez  
Ricky Duran  
Rosa Ruesga  
Consuelo Delgadillo

**City Staff:**

Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Belinda Fimbres, Recreation Center Director

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Felipe Muro  
Rosita Haro

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023, MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (R. Ruesga/J. Lopez) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

- Rosa Ruesga requested to view Cesar Chavez’s FY2024 Budget which was part of the action item to review and approve budgets from SYCAC and Cesar Chavez. A hard copy wasn’t presented at the meeting.

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

None

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

None

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Members requested staff to contact the mayor’s representative for the San Ysidro area to attend future meetings to get Mayor updates and ask the representative questions.

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

- An update on the 299 E San Ysidro Blvd property:  
It is an open case at the DA's office. The owners applied for a demolition permit in October 2022. The City is requesting for an SDG&E clearance in order to give the permit but accordingly to the owners, they weren't successful to get a hold of SDG&E for a while. SDG&E will be visiting the property sometime this month to start with the clearance process.
- An opera concert is scheduled for May 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Ysidro Public Library in honor of Mother's Day. The event is free and open to the public.
- Beyer Community Park Phase 1 is fully funded and can move on to the next phase of park development.
- 'I Love a Clean San Diego' event will be held on April 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event is partnered with 'Hearts and Hands'. Contact the office for more information.

### **SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:**

None

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

None

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Robert Lara will email the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone.

### **BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:**

None

### **SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Ricky Duran of Atlante F.C. reported the following:

- Asked staff how accessible is it for them to obtain funding and the process when requesting equipment, supplies from the City now that it has taken over the financial responsibility. He used the purchase of uniform for youth sports as an example and was the process more efficient than the past process. He thanked staff for being able to purchase, so that the youth now have new uniforms to play in which represents San Ysidro wherever they go.
- Informed everyone the spring league will start in March.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Consuelo Delgadillo of 'Helping Hands Working Together' reported the following:

- Informed members on housing statistics in San Ysidro, which came from attending the Otay Mesa Planning Group.
- Gave an update of their organization's food distribution numbers serving at locations at Mount Carmel Church, Las Americas Outlets and the Community Center on San Ysidro Boulevard.

Juan Lopez of A.I.C.I. reported the following:

- Thanked Jacqueline Hernandez, Assistant Center Director in her efforts to promote and increase awareness of San Ysidro Senior Programming. Since her involvement, the group has auditioned and performed the Citywide Senior Talent Show, attended field trips. Also, the opportunity to participate in classes and assist in the Karaoke program.
- Requested staff that assistance is needed, primarily in the evenings regarding the parking lot of the Senior Building. A lot of cars park there, sometimes overnight and a majority of space is used by nearby residents who use it as their personal parking and don't even participate in the programs. It is difficult for seniors who participate in programming there, that cannot park in the lot.

### **PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Mulch will be delivered and spread out at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park.
- New outdoor barbeque grills have been installed at Howard Lane and Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park.

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- Carnival held at Larsen Field was a success with over 2500 in attendance from February 9 to February 12. A portion of ticket sales \$6,639.80 each was given to the San Diego Parks Foundation and Cesar Chavez Community Center.
- Free dinner meals to youth up to 18 years old are being offered Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. until summer 2023.
- Staff completed the hosting and coaching youth basketball. 10u and 12u teams advanced to post season play in Districts. 12u team advanced to Citywide Champions held on February 17 and 18.
- ‘Parks after Dark’ community event will take place on March 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is a free event for everyone. Jumpers, music, food, arts and crafts, and information/community booths will be available onsite.
- Basketball banquet will be held in the gym on March 24.
- Egg Hunt will take place on April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. it is a free event and is open to ages 3 to 12 years old.
- ‘Robothink’ will run a spring camp from March 20 to March 30. From April 4 to May 24 an afterschool program will run Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. A Video Game Coding is currently being planned for some time in June. Funding was granted through the Mayor’s Equity Fund.
- Staff is currently taking sign-ups for youth soccer and volleyball.
- Staff will be attending a meeting this week to discuss ‘Teen Nites’ for the summer.
- Staff will be attending a meeting to discuss ideas to use Opportunity Funding that centers are receiving through active net fees registration and permit rentals. Recreation Centers identified as C.O.C. (Communities of Concern) will share ideas of programming and maintenance as to enhance overall park amenities and offerings.
- ‘Villa Bowl’ was relocated to Cesar Solis Community Park from Larsen Field due to the current athletic turf conditions created by gophers and ground squirrels. Staff is working with an outside vendor on eradication and will give an update next month on its progress.
- Fern Street Circus will be performing at Larsen Field on May 6. More information will be reported at next month’s meeting.

Recreation Center Director Belinda Fimbres reported the following for San Ysidro Teen Center and Senior Center:

- Assistant Center Director Jackie Hernandez took a group of seniors to perform in a Talent show at the War Memorial Building. It was the largest coming from San Ysidro Senior Center.
- The Teen Center went on a field trip to the Humane Society on March 7.
- A ‘Sticker Hunt’ will take place instead of an Easter Hunt on April 7, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Jackie continues to promote senior classes such as a walking class, chair exercise and the karaoke class.

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- Basketball season has completed. The 12u team participated in District tournament but lost in the playoffs. Pee Wee team participated in an exhibition game against other Pee Wee teams from other recreation centers.
- Staff worked on baseball field maintenance at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park where they worked on the infield and used a sod cutter to create a clean division between turf and infield.
- ‘Robothink’ classes are being held in the afternoon at the recreation center. Funding was granted through the Mayor’s Equity Fund.
- Spring Egg Hunt will be on Tuesday April 4 at La Mirada School. It is an event part of the ‘Parks after Dark’ campaign which consists of numerous events being held throughout City of San Diego parks.
- There will be an ‘I Love a Clean San Diego’ event on April 22. Contact staff or visit Council District 8 City webpage for more information.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Opportunity Funds- Robert informed everyone that staff will report at next month’s meeting possible programming, special events, maintenance and projects both centers are looking to provide using this funding.
2. Sandag will have a groundbreaking event for a bike path on April 5.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday March 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.  
San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173  
(619) 424-0472

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Mari Jo Ricanor  
Recreation Center Director

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Francisco Castruita  
Area Manager

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Martin Ortega  
Chairperson